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# MARITIME ECONOMY SHOWS RAPID GROWTH

NEW SHIPS ORDERED FROM SWEDEN -- Trybuna Ludu, No 121, 4 May 49

The table below shows the remarkable growth of the maritime economy in Poland (figures given per 1,000 inhabitants):

	1938	1948
Transshipments in ports	420 tons	664 tons
Gross tonnage (Polish merchant fleet)	2.7 tons	6.2 tons
Cargo carried by Polish ships	35.8 tons	70.8 tons
Fish catch (offshore and deep sea)	400.8 tons	1,874.8 tons
Fish catch (offshore and deep sea)	100.0 tons	1,000.0 tons

In conformity with trade agreements, Swedish shipyards have received a number of orders for auxiliary vessels for Polish ports. The Finnroda Varv shipyards in Stockholm have an order for a 200 gross registered tonnage inspection ship.

To expedite the flow of traffic through the ports and reduce the cost of transshipments, the Department of Ports in the Ministry of Navigation set up Regional Commissions for Expediting Transshipments. These commissions are controlled by the Maritime Offices and their function is to determine the reasons for work stoppages in transshipment activities and eliminate them as soon as possible.

APRIL TRANSHIPMENTS AT GDANSK-GDYNIA PORT COMPLEX -- Zycie Warszawy, No 122,  
5 May 49

During April 1949, nearly 985,000 tons of cargo were handled in the Gdansk-Gdynia port complex, of which 856,000 tons were exports and 129,000 tons were imports.

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Polish seaports, excluding Szczecin, 769,653 tons of coal were loaded during April 1949. This was 102 percent of plan.

**GDANSK - HELSINKI LINE OPENED** -- Trybuna Ludu, No 120, 3 May 49

A new line which is to operate between Poland and Finland was opened on 1 May. The SS Slask, assigned to service on this line, carried a miscellaneous cargo on its first trip. The Slask, which was formerly on the Gdynia - Antwerp line, is a freighter of 1,515 dead weight tons and has accommodations for 12 passengers.

**MS WARMIA ARRIVES FROM HOLLAND** -- Rzeczpospolita, No 122, 5 May 49

The watership MS Warmia arrived from Holland at Gdansk port with general cargo, including electric light bulbs, radio parts, and 200 tons of butter.

**US STREPTOMYCIN AND PENICILLIN FOR POLAND** -- Rzeczpospolita, No 122, 5 May 49

The American steamship SS Mormacmoor arrived from New York at Gdansk Port with 171 kilograms of streptomycin and 1,175 kilograms of penicillin, among other items.

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